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CLOSURE SHOCKS STAFF AT BAKERY

By Catherine Dalton

DEVASTATED bakery workers in Walsall spent their Christmas break in the knowledge that their jobs are doomed after they were told that a takeover deal had fallen through.

Closure notices have now been issued to all 236 staff at Maple Leaf Bakery, in Raleigh Street, after a potential buyer pulled out.

One worker at Maple Leaf, who did not wish to be named, said: "Everybody is just absolutely devastated.

"We had got out hopes up that a deal might be done, but we have now been given notices of closure.

"Some of us have children and families."

Another added: "To get this news before Christmas is just gutting."

It was revealed in November that the site, in Raleigh Street, Birchills, could shut after owner Maple Leaf, but earlier this month bosses said talks with a buyer were in the "advanced stages".

Loaves

Financial director Cliff Irwin said last Friday: "We worked with a number of people who came to see the site, but only one was interested in buying it. Right up until Sunday (December 18), we were trying to pull a deal together."

Closure of Maple Leaf is now expected in February or March.

A bakery has been on the site since the 1800s, and currently produces Harvestime sliced loaves.

Maple Leaf UK is pulling out of the sliced bread market to focus on speciality breads such as bagels, ciabattas and croissants at its plant in Yorkshire.

Roaming Rudolph's a surprise

One of the three deer seen on Pelsall Common

WANDERING deer caused a stir among villagers and delighted Walsall schoolchildren on their winter break.

The antlered animals spent a day trotting around Pelsall Common, just a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle of the village centre.

A flurry of phone calls to West Midlands Police brought out officers to ensure the creatures did not stray on to nearby roads.

Throughout the day, crowds gathered to take pictures of the deer and drivers slowed down as they tried to catch a glimpse.

Stephen Thornton, aged 28, of Coalpool, was driving through Pelsall when he saw the deer.

Experts

"I had to do a double-take," said the bank worker.

"I thought Father Christmas had lost his reindeer or something.

"There was loads of people on the Common looking at them and taking pictures. It was strange to see them in the middle of the village.

"It all looked quite picturesque and Christmassy."

Rangers from Walsall Council were also at the scene to monitor the animals' movements and advice was sought from wildlife experts six miles away at Cannock Chase, from where the deer were thought to have strayed in the early hours of last Thursday.

Anger at Amazon's jobs blow

A WALSALL man has hit out at Amazon after he and hundreds of workmates lost their at the online retail giant's newest depot.

Adam Bosworth, aged 21, of Winterley Lane, said: "I feel cheated. I was led to believe by the recruitment agency that I'd be taken on in the new year on a permanent basis if I worked well.

"My pick rate was good, as was my attendance. I was never late and I did the shifts they wanted," he added.

Staff were told to go at a mass roll-call, it is thought.

A spokesman for the Amazon distribution centre at Rugeley, said: "Additional associates were specifically taken on for the Christmas period and as that period ends, so is the requirement for the agency to provide us with as high a number of people as they have done in recent weeks.

"We look forward to a busy 2012 at our Rugeley centre and are on track to have around 900 permanent and temporary employees working at the site during our peak months in 2012."

Neighbours and good friends

Maureen and Stan Woods with their neighbour in Pelsall, Bernadette Suppiah (centre)

GOOD neighbours are the toast of Walsall Housing Group after ensuring community spirit is alive and well in Pelsall.

Stan and Maureen Woods have been recognised by Walsall's leading social housing landlord through its Community Spirit reward scheme.

The retired couple have won the Good Neighbour category for the help and support they give to their next-door neighbour, Bernadette Suppiah.

They were presented with the first prize of vouchers worth £1,000 which they have spent for the benefit of all on communal gardens outside their WHG flats.

Mr Woods said: "It was a surprise to win because we only do what we would do for any neighbour. I mow Bernadette's front lawn, plant up her hanging baskets and pots, and I clean her windows when I'm doing ours.

"Bernadette is lovely and the best neighbour anyone could have. She often pops round for a cup of tea with us. We just look out for each other, like neighbours should."

Phillip McWatt, of Blakenall, Walsall, won first prize in the community garden champion category of the awards. He was presented with £500 worth of National Garden Vouchers.

Ann Parkes, WHG's customer services manager, said: "It is lovely to hear of the great work that customers are involved in out in their communities, and it's pleasure to recognise and reward such outstanding individuals."

Tesco acts on legal threat by council

SUPERMARKET firm Tesco is looking to resolve a dispute with the council about free parking at its Walsall store.

Council chiefs announced they were to serve a legal notice on the company for failing to enforce parking restrictions, in a breach of planning permission.

Council chiefs have complained that motorists are able to leave vehicles at the 750-space car park for free, and want pay and display introduced for visitors who are not using the store.

The authority set a deadline of November 30 for installation. Although free parking has been reduced from three to two hours the council say the store has not complied with its agreement.

Important

In a statement last Friday, Tesco said: "We hope to have a solution in place early in the New Year."

Income at one of the council's best used car parks, at the corner of Stafford Street and Green Lane, has fallen by a third since Tesco opened.

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We are delighted Tesco are in Walsall and have created so many jobs, but it is important we deal with the issues around parking in a constructive manner to the benefit of both Tesco and the town centre generally."

Daughter in poll triumph

LABOUR retained a seat on Walsall Council when Tina Jukes succeeded her late mother at a by-election.

A Birchills-Leamore seat became vacant in October when Councillor Joan Barton died. Ms Jukes received 835 votes in an 15.9 per cent turnout last week.

Tory-run Walsall Council now has 27 Conservatives, 27 Labour, five Liberal Democrats and one independent.

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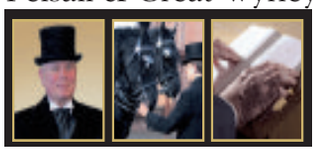

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Jake Seager (front, centre), Ben Bisbey (second from right) and James Gould (far right) sign up for an Army career with Colour Sgt Greg Dunk and other recruits

Lads' Army takes oath

YOUNGSTERS from Walsall and Willenhall were among 10 new recruits to sign up to a career in the Army.

Ben Bisbey, aged 17, from Willenhall, as well as 17-year-old Walsall residents James Gould and Jake Seager passed a series of tests before joining the service in front of family and friends in Wolverhampton.

The teenagers, old boys of Coppice Performing Arts School, Great Wyrley High School and Wood Green High School College of Sport respectively, launch their military careers at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate next month.

On completing the course, recruits progress to their chosen regiments and corps which include the Mercian Regiment, Parachute Regiment and Royal Logistic Corps.

Major Jimmy Lamb, Army recruitment officer, said: "Our new recruits are getting set to start their working life in the Army and can look forward to exciting times ahead."

Delight at £16m refurb of Manor care and A&E

CRITICAL care at Walsall Manor Hospital is to be overhauled as part of a £16 million project which will also include the rebuilding of the accident and emergency department.

Bosses are drawing up proposals for the scheme and say, when complete, the units will improve the patient "experience and environment".

The redevelopment of A&E has been mooted for months since bosses revealed the unit was treating 80,000 patients a year, double the number it was expected to cater for when it was built.

The expanded department will be able to cope with the demand and slash waiting times for patients, bosses say.

Improve

Walsall Manor had been threatened with a £142,000 fine if it failed to improve patient flow last year.

The cost of the revamp, and proposals to "reconfigure" the hospital's high dependency and critical care units, have now been unveiled.

Jayne Tunstall, chief operating officer at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust which runs the hospital, said: "These projects show our ongoing commitment to improve the experience of our patients and the environment in which we provide our services."

Inscription on Hoard causes stir

TREASURE that was found near Brownhills has revealed a new secret.

In 2009, Hammerwich became an archaeologists' dream when more than 3,000 objects were found – the Staffordshire Hoard.

An inscription on a strip of the Anglo-Saxon gold contains a quotation from the Old Testament.

The discovery has excited scholars of the period as it suggests that the quotation may demonstrate that Christianity, at the time, was less dominated by the Bible than by the rituals and services.

Prof Elisabeth Okasha, Acting Director of the Language Centre at University College Cork, said: "The paucity of Biblical quotation in the inscriptions seems particularly surprising in view of the involvement of the Anglo-Saxon Church in literacy."

Wood's a snip this winter

Volunteers have helped to clear out ditches at Merrions Wood in Great Barr

VOLUNTEERS rolled up their sleeves to help clean ditches at a nature reserve in Great Barr. They joined Walsall Council's countryside rangers for the event last week, which aimed to prepare the woodland for the wet winter season.

Autumn leaves were cleared from ditches in a bid to encourage water to flow freely, helping to avoid potential flooding risks.

Morgan Bowers, Walsall Council's senior countryside ranger, said: "It was a great day and everyone got stuck in with the aim of improving drainage in the area.

"Clearing out ditches encourages water to keep running through the area and prevents flooding."

For more information on future volunteering events in the Walsall area, call 01922 459813.

£12,000 up for grabs

COMMUNITY and voluntary groups across Walsall can get advice on funding opportunities at two events next month.

Walsall Voluntary Action will be running surgeries at its Bridge Street office on Wednesday, January 11 and 25. Groups can be allocated a 45-minute slot and help on applying for a European Social Fund community grant is available.

Up to £12,000 could be given to organisations which will run projects. The deadline for applications is January 19. To book an appointment, email reception@walsallva.org.uk or call 01922 619840.

NEWS in brief

New fencing foils pipe bridge louts

WORK has been carried out at a pipe bridge in Brownhills which had become a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

Yobs regularly used the pipe bridge in Clayhanger to run away from the police, while others used it as a short cut.

Severn Trent Water has installed new pipe barriers, along with new fencing. Work finished in October and there have been no reports of anti-social behaviour since, say West Midlands Police.

Consultation the core for orchard

PUBLIC consultation is under way to ask for people's views on plans for a new community orchard in Walsall.

There are proposals to plant trees at a site in Ashbourne Road in Bloxwich early next year.

Schools, community groups and charities would be encouraged to harvest and sell the fruit to raise funds. To give feedback call Nikki on 01922 650000.

Opticians' sights set on expansion

A FIRM of opticians in Aldridge which has expanded by moving into bigger premises has now taken on extra staff.

Optician Gurgit Hayer has joined Colin Lee Opticians in Aldridge.

The company, which has seven practices in the West Midlands and Staffordshire, moved its head office in September to larger neighbouring premises in Anchor Parade.

The base is three times larger than the previous one

Only fare to have to speak English

A PETITION with more than 300 names which calls on Walsall Council to impose stricter rules on taxi drivers with poor English is to be handed in next month.

It was launched earlier this month by Charanjit Mannu, who owns Yellow Cars in Kendricks Road, Darlaston. He says taxi drivers in the borough already have to pass a test to

Less Dangerfield

SAFETY measures have been unveiled in Dangerfield Road, Darlaston, by Walsall Council in a bid to deter drivers who ignore chicanes and mount pavements

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Jealousy triggered assaults

A WALSALL man hit his wife's head against a car window because he thought she was cheating on him, a court heard.

Brian Green, of Bridgwater Close, Walsall Wood, was ordered to pay compensation and carry out unpaid work for assaulting Clare Green on two occasions last month.

The 36-year-old appeared before Walsall magistrates last week.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said Mrs Green went to meet a male friend on November 15.

She was at a petrol station in Aldridge and when her husband appeared.

Green told her not to come home and drove off, but returned to take her phone.

Mr Corden-Bowen said Green kicked her accused her of being unfaithful.

The argument continued the next day at home and Green "thumped" his wife.

Green admitted two counts of assault.

In mitigation, Mr Chris Loach said he disputed the details of the assaults, but was remorseful.

Green was given a 12-month supervision order, told to carry out 60 hours' unpaid work, pay £60 compensation and £85 costs.

Prospects brightening

A LIGHTING control system designed by a Walsall Wood business has been installed in more than 100 Sainsbury's stores.

Symphony Automation won the recent Midland Environmental Business Club low carbon innovation award.The Hall Lane company gained the award in recognition of its work on designing and commissioning the lighting control solution as a Sainsbury's 20 by 20 sustainability plan.

Director Dave Rehman said: "We are very excited by the results."

Sharon's £3k

MORE than £3,000 was raised at a walk held in honour of a Walsall mother who died of breast cancer.

Hundreds of people took part in October's sponsored walk on Pelsall Common in memory of Sharon Tyler, aged 34, a popular member of Pelsall Children's Centre.

A total of £3,044 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Research.

James Raybould and son William

Three generations battle cancer

A WALSALL woman was devastated by the news that she has cancer – and so do her toddler grandson and her son.

Yvonne Raybould, of Aldridge, has breast cancer, 39-year James has skin cancer and now little William Raybould, who is nearly three, has leukaemia.

All three were diagnosed within weeks, little more than a year ago.

Transport supervisor James Raybould, aged 39, of Cheslyn Hay, said: "We couldn't quite believe that three generations of us were being treated for cancer at the same time.

"I had an appointment to see a specialist but when William was diagnosed I decided not to go.

"In the end, I went along and was told it was a slow growing form of skin cancer and wouldn't spread as long as I had it removed

"Compared with what we were going through with William, it was nothing.

"We were really shocked when Mum was told she had breast cancer about a month before William was diagnosed, because it was her third cancer diagnosis. She'd had mouth cancer twice before and survived."

William lost his sight and use of his legs following his diagnosis, making last year's Christmas an awful time for the family. But William can see again and is learning to walk..

His mum, Nikki, said: "We're incredibly proud of our little boy.

"His treatment has been really tough yet he's still had a smile for us. He's lost his hair three times and he faces another two years of chemotherapy, but we're hoping he's through the worst of it."

Grandmother Yvonne had surgery to remove a lump and was able to look after William's sister Emma, aged 18 months, 18-months-old, while James's brother and sister-in-law looked after brother George, 10.

William has been given a Little Star award by Cancer Research.

Benefit cheat had £90,000 stash in 26 bank accounts

A FRAUDSTER in Walsall claimed more than £31,000 in benefits – despite having access to £91,000 in 26 separate bank accounts, the town's magistrates were told.

Inam Ul-Haq falsely claimed income support over a period of five years, Walsall Magistrates heard last week.

Mr Nayan Patel, prosecuting, said the 46-year-old, of Somers Road, Pleck, had made a legitimate claim for income support in 1996 on the basis that he was unable to work due to ill health.

But he was only entitled to claim if he did not have capital exceeding £16,000.

The claim became fraudulent in August 2003, and he was still falsely claiming benefits in August 2008.

Admitted

It was discovered that he had access to 26 different bank accounts which had around £91,000 in total.

In an investigation by the Department for Work and Pensions, Ul-Haq was quizzed about the cash and was found to have been overpaid by £31,116.06.

"He claimed the money belonged to his father-in-law and he was'holding on to it," Mr Patel said.

Ul-Haq admitted failing to notify the Department for Work and Pensions of a change in circumstances. He was bailed to Wolverhampton Crown Court on January 17.

Ian's brief to write poetry

Ian Henery

A SOLICITOR and sea scout leader with a passion for writing poems has been named as Walsall's first poet laureate by the Mayor, Councillor Garry Perry..

Ian Henery, aged 47, of Aldridge, is helping to promote the mayoral charities – The Creating Chances Trust, The Swing and Proud – Parents Relatives, and Others Understanding Down's Syndrome.

The father of four is a former pupil of Blue Coat School.

Children's homes OK'd

ALL residential children's homes run by Walsall Council have earned top marks in an Ofsted inspection. All five, including two specialist homes for children with disabilities, have been judged good or outstanding.

The inspections were carried out under a new inspection regime introduced in April this year and Walsall is believed to be among just a handful of council to be given top marks.

Children's services chief Councillor Rachel Andrew said: "We have been given a resounding vote of confidence."

Diamond day for dance partners of '51

Walsall diamond wedding couple John and June Moore celebrate

A WILLENHALL couple who met on the dance floor at Wolverhampton Civic Hall have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

June and John Moore wed at Worfield, near Bridgnorth, on December 22, 1951.

Mrs Moore, aged 79, said: "We met at a dance as so many people did in those days – and that was it for us!

"John had just finished his national service and I remember he just looked so happy and jolly. It was a lovely day for a wedding and the weather was nice."

The couple have one daughter Annie, aged 59, one grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Mr Moore, aged 81, worked at Wolverhampton-based aircraft manufacturers Boulton Paul for all his working life.

After raising her daughter, Mrs Moore worked at Decca Radio and TV in Neachells Lane, Willenhall.

Mrs Moore added: "You have to work together to solve your problems," she said. "You don't just think, 'that's it, I'll go off'. You just work at it."

Wedding day at Worfield in 1961

NEWS in brief

Saddlers' shirts help charity team

A FIVE-A-SIDE football team run by a housing charity has been donated new shirts from Walsall FC.

Stourbridge-based Midland Heart wrote to 12 professional clubs asking for help and was invited to Banks's Stadium to collect the them from chief executive Stefan Gamble.

The team is made up of previously homeless men who now live in supported accommodation at Gibbs Road House,Dudley. Team captain Jay Johnson said: "We're very grateful to Walsall FC. It has boosted morale in the team."

Mr Gamble said: "We were delighted to be able to offer some assistance to this worthwhile local organisation.

B-test police halt 1,000 motorists

MORE than 1,000 vehicles have been stopped by police in less than three weeks during a crackdown on drink driving in Walsall, police said

Nine motorists have been arrested for drink drive offences on routes around the borough they were pulled over by police.

High-visibility patrols and a number of static check points have been established at locations including Streetly, Willenhall and Walsall town centre.

Hospice's plea over presents

A HOSPICE charity in Walsall is offering a guilt-free way to offload unwanted Christmas gifts .

St Giles Hospice, Goscote Lane, is appealing for unwanted presents to be donated to its network of shops. Head of retail Lynwen Truesdale said: "People receive presents they don't really need, want or may already have."

The charity has shops in Church Street, Bilston, The Square, Aldridge, High Street, Brownhills, Digbeth, Walsall, and Wolverhampton Road, Cannock.

Housing project along canalside

A 30-HOME canalside housing development with 18 flats and 12 houses is planned for Walsall.

The estate, alongside the towpath of the Wyrley and Essington Canal, would be two or three bedroom houses and one to three bedroom apartments on land off Carl Street.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

I TAKE my hat off to the reader who has collected no fewer than 53 peculiar phrases used by weather forecasters over the past couple of years, We all need our hobbies. First out of the collection:

* "Mildly offensive showers."
* "A seedbed for more snow."
* "Nuggets of brightness."

THE big thing in 2012 will be televisions, music systems and other electronic gizmos which are operated by voice or hand signal, without the need for remote controls.

As Auntie Beeb puts it: "Controlling the TV without a remote would eliminate the need to look for it." Quite so. But have you noticed how the further technology advances, and the less we have to remember anything, the worse our memories get?

JOHN Masefield's Sea-Fever must be one of the most parodied of all poems. This version, fit for any cold, wet winter's day, comes from a reader:

"I must down to the café again
For a cup of tea and a bun
And all I ask
Is the toast is hot
And the butter's on the run."

AND lo, the seasons turn. The turkey vanishes, the sprouts repeat and Christmastide gives way to Thomsontide, the festival of booking summer holidays. Over the Xmas break I happened upon a DVD I was given this time last year, a compilation of my father's family cine films from 1961 to 1967. I had never watched it before.

Great God, we had some awful hols. In flickering 8mm, three small Rhodes boys, wrapped in anoraks against the chill of an English heatwave, clamber morosely over the rocks at Woolacombe, pausing occasionally to whack each other with long, leathery fronds of seaweed. When people tell you they made their own entertainment in the old days, this is what they mean.

The high point of that holiday was watching Hawker Hunters flying over to bomb the Torrey Canyon (ask your grandfather).

Ten years after Woolacombe, we discovered a place called Menorca and never looked back.

BRITAIN'S oldest spiritualist newspaper, the Psychic News, is back in business following its closure in July 2010. All together, now: We didn't see that coming.

MEANWHILE, the communal gathering places in the southern China village of Wukan are filled with protesters raging against Communist party corruption and land seizures.

It is a reminder of the rarely-seen but bitter divisions in China between rich and poor, party and people, city and country.

While any number of observers tell us that China will be the world superpower of the 21st century, the really smart observers always add the words, "if it can hold together."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Wolves legend backs author

WOLVES hero Terry Wharton helped an author launch a history of a football club in Walsall.

Neil Chambers, from Norton Canes, has written a 220-page book entitled The History of Darlaston Town Football Club, and held a signing session at Cannock Library joined by the club's former boss, Terry Wharton.

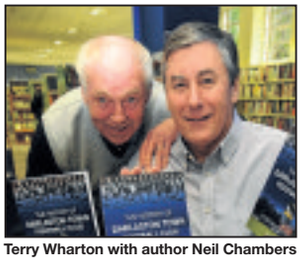
Wharton, now aged 69, is best known from his Wolves days, where he played from 1957-68, but he was also player-manager at Darlaston Town between 1976 and 1977.

The former wing wizard said he was happy to support Mr Chambers, aged 55.

"Neil asked me to come over and I said I'd be delighted – and he has produced a cracking book."

Wharton scored 98 goals from 347 appearances in the Football League. After Wolves, he played for Bolton Wanderers, Crystal Palace and Walsall.

Mr Chambers, a Villa fan, has held several posts at West Midlands League Premier side Darlaston, including chairman and secretary.



Terry Wharton with author Neil Chambers

JP praise for drug problem shake-up

A WALSALL magistrate has welcomed a £5.9 million shake-up of treatment services for drug and alcohol problems in Wolverhampton.

The aim will be to help addicts recover more quickly and stay off drugs or drink.

Drugs and alcohol feature in 59 per cent of city child protection cases at court.

Under new plans, drug addicts will be given help with mental health issues, finding a job and accommodation, and will be encouraged to aim for a full recovery.

Wolverhampton's Councillor John Rowley, who is also a magistrate in Walsall, welcomed the plans.

He said: "There is a desperate need for a fast and efficient intervention system.

"I have sat in magistrates' court in Walsall and every offender who has appeared before me has a problem of offending which is related to drugs, alcohol or both.

"Realistically, the chances of preventing them re-offending when there is an addiction is negligible."

Public consultation on the plans runs until February.

Jobs delight as haulage company hits top speed

A HAULAGE firm based in Willenhall has unveiled a multi-million-pound expansion plan, including the creation of a new £5 million base which is set to create up to 30 jobs.

by Craig Hughes

Aspray 24 is expanding after taking over the former site of historic Black Country manufacturing firm George Carter Pressings Ltd.

Aspray 24 was founded in 1982 and has its headquarters based in Noose Lane since 1992.

Bosses are preparing to expand on to its newly-acquired five-and-a-half acre site in Park Road, early next year.

Stuart Laight, managing director of Aspray 24, said last week: "The acquisition of this site not only secures the future of our business in Willenhall, it allows us to continue with our expansion plans.

Generate

"We plan to be on site within the first quarter of 2012 and will be constructing a new building of over 100,000 sq ft, amounting to an investment of around £5 million.

"This will increase our business and will generate new jobs."

Mr Laight added that around 30 jobs would be created.

The former George Carter site has been unoccupied since the company closed in May 2009 after administrators failed to find a buyer for the long-established business.

Following the decision to close the doors on the 179-year-old company, the site was put on the market through Wolverhampton-based chartered surveyors Towler Shaw Roberts to sell or let.

Despite a variety of interest expressed in the site, no-one was found to purchase the land until an agreement was struck earlier this month.

The newly purchased site was the production operation of George Carter which also had offices in neighbouring Clothier Street but were demolished to pave the way for a residential development.

Seventy-nine workers were made redundant after the company went into administration.

It was established in 1830 and spread across the two sites, exporting to Italy, Germany, the US and China.

Products included commercial vehicle number plates.

Booze bid for shop

A VACANT shop in Willenhall has been refurbished and could reopen to sell alcohol. A developer has applied to change the planning conditions for the shop in Essington Road and take out the condition that the shop cannot sell drink.

Andrew Shallish, representing the developer during the planning process at Walsall Council, said the shop had been refurbished and no longer attracted anti-social behaviour.

"Any reference to the premises having been a target for anti-social behaviour in the past bears no relevance to the now refurbished premises."

The premises stand on the corner of Baynton Road.

It adds up to 23 years, Miss

Maths teacher Rosemary Bailey with pupils at Stow Heath Junior School, Willenhall

A MUCH-LOVED teacher has bid farewell to the classroom after more than 20 years teaching youngsters at a Willenhall school.

Rosemary Bailey, aged 59, joined Stow Heath Junior in 1987 as a maths teacher, and has been there ever since.

She has helped teach several generations of students at the school and the current crop of pupils were keen to give her a good send-off. In a special presentation she was given a bouquet of flowers paid for by the children themselves.

The presentation was made as part of carol concerts to celebrate the end of the school term. She was also given a watch and gifts from colleagues.

Music group aids charity

WILLENHALL Musical Society has presented £1,850 to Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group.

The money was raised during the annual charity concert at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School, in Willenhall

Margaret O'Callaghan, president of the musical society, said: "Not a family in the country remains unaffected by cancer in some form or other, and we are so very grateful to all who helped in any way with this sell-out event and allowed us to present a magnificent sum to a very worthy cause."

Park louts blitz

WEST Midlands Police are stepping up patrols to curb youths who congregate at a Willenhall park, damaging play equipment and the soft asphalt, setting rubbish bins alight and being a nuisance to families, dog walkers and neighbouring householders.

Youths are also congregating under an archway in Astoria Close, Willenhall, smoking and drinking, officers said.

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Numbers are up for bus firm

WEST Midlands bus giant National Express says it is "firmly on target" to deliver profits growth across all its operations.

The Birmingham-based company said passenger numbers had returned to growth in the West Midlands, where it is the biggest bus operator and employs 5,000 people.

In a trading statement it said it had rolled-out 250 new buses, replacing 15 per cent of its fleet, while its bus service revenue figure was up four per cent for the year.

Invest

Bus services have benefited as more people are leaving their cars at home because of spiralling petrol and diesel prices.

Chief executive Dean Finch said: "National Express is finishing 2011 in excellent shape.

"We are growing revenue and profit in all five of our divisions. We continue to invest in new fleet and offer exceptional value to our customers, enhancing the quality of our services at prices passengers can afford."

Trainer tells of attack at racecourse

A HORSE trainer has told how he was attacked by five men at Wolverhampton Racecourse.

Frank Sheridan said he was forced to arm himself with a baseball bat after being ambushed at the Dunstall Park track.

The 50-year-old said he was was able to avoid serious injury due to his physical dexterity from his time as a jump jockey. However, he is still nursing several bumps and bruises.

Dragged

"I was leading a horse back in when I was attacked," he said.

"There were five guys and I was punched to the ground and dragged along but I managed to get free. To protect myself I picked up a baseball bat – and I did protect myself.

"It could have been much worse and wasn't a very pleasant experience.

West Midlands Police are looking into the incident which happened on Friday, December 14.

Mr Sheridan said he was assaulted while returning to his yard after watching his small string exercise on the track. It is believed he does not want to press charges.

Patricia Perrin, dead at 77

Hospital pays out to tragedy family

A HOSPITAL has paid out to the family of a Walsall pensioner who died after undergoing a routine procedure.

Patricia Perrin went into Walsall Manor Hospital for an endoscopy and biopsy of a lesion in her stomach.

Minutes later, relatives said, the 77-year-old's son Aaron was called into the room to find his mother covered in her own blood. She was rushed to intensive care.

She lost around a litre of blood and died from multi organ failure 18 days later on April 25, 2008.

Son Aaron Perrin, aged 43, said: "The blood was all over her face and neck.

Painful

"It was awful to see her. The hospital needs to apologise, they think we can move on without it but we can't."

Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, has not admitted liability for failings in patient care but has paid the family an undisclosed figure in an out-of-court settlement.

Experts employed by Irwin Mitchell solicitors in Birmingham, acting on behalf of the Perrin family, said doctors may have mistakenly biopsied a varicose vein in the stomach, causing the massive bleed.

Mrs Perrin's daughter, Lynne Bozkurtaca, claimed that care after the procedure was also poor, with her mother suffering painful ulcers with no help from medics.

She said: "It makes me so angry she was so poorly cared for. It felt as if no-one could even be bothered to help ease her pain at the end.

"Although it will not bring Mum back, we feel the very least the hospital should do, is to apologise."

Walsall Manor Hospital chief executive Richard Kirby said: "On behalf of the trust, I would like to reiterate my sincere condolences to the family of Patricia Perrin for their sad loss."

Wolves hope to score with Molineux's new megastore

WOLVES supporters have been invited to have their say about how they want a new-look megastore at Molineux to operate.

by Elizabeth Joyce

These artist's impressions show how the store, being created as part of the £16 million redevelopment of the Stan Cullis stand, will look when it is unveiled next summer.

The glass-fronted shop will feature huge graphics of players past and present and sell replica kits, gifts and souvenirs.

The Wolves shop in Dudley Street is also in line for a total refurbishment next year.

Exciting

Retail experts Wests Design Consultants Ltd have been tasked with creating a "modern and cutting edge" shop within the Stand Cullis stand measuring 4,553 sq ft.

Fans will also be able to get personalised shirts printed in-store.

Club bosses have appointed a new head of retail and merchandising to oversee the major project.

June Walsh, who moved to Wolves from London-based Premiership Rugby Union team Saracens, said supporters would be consulted over what they wanted to see on sale.

She said: "The club has some really exciting plans not simply to develop its retail operation but also to improve the products and services on offer to supporters.

"Over the coming months I'll be meeting Wolves fans face-to-face to get their feedback and ideas which will help us provide the products they really want."

The new-look Stan Cullis stand will boost the crowd-capacity at Molineux from 29,408 to 31,700.

The impressive front of the new Wolves Megastore which will open next summer

The interior of the store at the home of Wolverhampton Wanderers, with display counters of merchandise for fans

Transport museum drive for new home in borough

A TRANSPORT museum which has been forced out of its long-term base is on the brink of setting up a new home in Walsall.

Aston Manor Transport Museum has quit its home in Witton Lane, Birmingham, in a row with the city council over rent and is now moving into space in a former dust cart factory in Aldridge while lease negotiations are under way between museum bosses and Volant Passenger Vehicle Solutions.

The firm has offered part of its unit for the museum and stock is currently being moved into the former Jack Allen dust cart building, off Northgate, to be stored while talks continue.

Richard Gray, finance director for the museum, today said the future was looking positive for the museum and its collection of

NEWS in brief

Patients have new travel aid

PATIENTS in South Staffordshire will be taken to hospitals by a new private company from January 1 when NSL Care Services takes over the service.

It covers planned journeys that are not deemed as urgent but not 999 calls.

Journeys will include outpatient appointments, planned hospital admission, transfer from one hospital to another or for an admission into a nursing home.

Crackdown on tethered horses

MORE than 100 tethered horses in Bilston were assessed in a crackdown by the police and RSPCA.

Officers checked on the health and welfare of the animals recently and made sure their owners were traceable should they roam free.

The operation has been launched following concerns from worried members of the public.

Pc Michelle Eaton, of Bilston police station, said: "The scheme is designed to promote responsible ownership."

Acorns appeal for volunteers

WALSALL'S Acorns Children's Hospice is appealing for volunteers to join it new fundraising team in the borough.

The hospice, which has branches in Worcester, Birmingham and Walsall, hopes to sign up people who are able to give up about two hours of their time to help with collections. Call 01922 422508.

Park Lotto joy for McFadden

WOLVERHAMPTON MP Pat McFadden has welcomed news the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded £981,000 to the city council to improve East Park.

The Labour MP, whose South East constituency covers the park, said: "This is good news for the park and the whole area."

Joining forces

A NEW partnership sealing the relationship between the University of Wolverhampton and Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust has been agreed.

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Unstinting Sharon wins in Mum-of-Year awards

A WALSALL woman whose son was diagnosed with a rare brain tumour has been recognised with an accolade at a supermarket's Mum-of-the-Year Awards.

Sharon Sambrook, of Aldridge, was nominated by her 12-year-old son Ben, who said that she had saved his life, and will receive the title of Tesco charitable Mum of the Year in London in March.

As well as helping her son fight his illness, from which he has now been free since 2007, Sharon has raised £90,000 for the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust to help fund clinical trials into the condition.

She has also worked to support families whose children have been diagnosed with a serious illness or disability.

When nominating his mum, Ben, who was seven when he fell ill in 2006, said: "I survived a brain tumour with big thanks to my mum and dad. My mum wants other parents to get support and not feel so alone."

Generating

Ben'streatment included a six-hour operation to remove the malignant tumour, six weeks of radiotherapy and a form of chemotherapy normally used on adults.

Against the odds, he recovered and, while he still goes for regular scans to check his progress, has been well for four years.

Sharon, aged 40, said that hearing that Ben was seriously ill was like an out-of-body experience. She said: "I remember thinking, 'what are they telling me – that my baby's going to die?"

Since his recovery Sharon has been generating funds to improve scientific research into brain tumours. So far she has raised £90,000. She also works with UK disability charity Scope."I'm just so passionate about making a difference," Sharon added. "I just can't bear the thought of other parents going through what I went through."

Liz Jarvis, Tesco Mum of the Year editor, said it was a privilege to be able to recognise incredible mothers like Sharon.

Albert wins a lotto cash

Albert Bates receives his winnings from BGT's Jean Martyn

A LOTTERY ticket seller from Willenhall has scooped top prize in a Wolverhampton hospice's annual lottery, netting a jackpot of £5,000.

Albert Bates, aged 88, of Canterbury Avenue, said he was delighted to win, but he said he would donate some back to Compton Hospice.

"It was very nice to win. I haven't decided what to do with the money yet, but I will donate some to the hospice. It's a fine thing they do and I've sold tickets for them for 10 years," he said.

Mr Bates, who said he might splash out on a trip to New Zealand to visit relatives, was presented with a cheque by Britain's Got Talent finalist Jean Martyn, the organist from Brewood.

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Awards for giving blood to the cause

Nicholas Bullock and Ian Plumb celebrate their awards for giving blood

TWO dedicated blood donors have been recognised at a ceremony in Walsall for their commitment to rolling up their sleeves for the cause

Lorry drivers Ian Plumb and Nicholas Bullock were among more than 25 donors to be honoured at an awards ceremony held by NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) at the Fairlawns Hotel and Spa, Aldridge. They were each presented with crystal plates for giving blood 75 times.

Mr Plumb, aged 50, from Cannock has been donating for more than 20 years and said: "My father had cancer and was helped by blood donations."

Mr Bullock, aged 55 and also from Cannock, started donating in 1973.

He said: "Knowing that donations have and will help so many people has kept me giving blood."

Drunken attacker jailed

AN ATTACKER who repeatedly punched a "helpless" man before battering his head in Willenhall has been jailed for two and a half years.

Matthew Hodgkinson also tried to strangle him and gouge his eye sockets, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Drunken Hodgkinson, 32, ran off leaving the victim lying on the blood-stained carpet of the flat in Stroud Avenue, with his face and neck slashed and bruised in the early hours of July 3.

Prosecutor Mr Mark Rees told the court last week: "He launched the attack without warning after being allowed into the flat, punching the other man 20 or 30 times.

"He then tried to strangle him and attempted to gouge his eye sockets out before hitting the man on the head and face with a wooden broom handle and metal carpet gripper picked up in the property. Then he ran away."

The victim was taken to hospital for treatment after being found by a friend soon after the attack and Hodgkinson was arrested at his home in Simpson Grove, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton, four days later.

He admitted assaulting the victim, who had learning difficulties.

Hodgkinson admitted assault and was jailed by Judge John Wait, who told him: "You were in drink, you have a long record of serious violence, and you went looking for a confrontation."

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Sandwell Hospital outpatients' staff, instead of sending each other Christmas cards, donated cash.

A fantastic £8,644 was raised in just three weeks and will be used for the benefit of upper gastro-intestinal cancer patients, in the form of new equipment or to fund research programmes at hospitals in the three NHS trusts where we operate – Sandwell & West Birmingham, Heart of England and Walsall. Thank you all.

Brian Childs
Chairman, Upper GI Blues
Walsall

● David Baker, who chairs Crimestoppers Walsall and Pleck Neighbourhood Watch, has asked us to point out that he is not the D Baker whose letter about ID fraud appeared in last week's Chronicle.

Such parking is thoughtless

A pavement in Caldmore is now impassable for pedestrians. *Picture: Arjan Chand*

CALDMORE and Palfrey residents have been attending our meetings for over a year now and complaining about the parking in West Bromwich Street , Caldmore Road, Brace Street,Hart Street, Bath Street and Cambridge Street.

They say they have to walk in the road, putting their lives at risk, because illegally parked vehicles obstruct the pavements . Up to 30 kerbstones have been damaged too. Residents have asked for bollards , railing or to be made higher to prevent this problem, but Walsall Council has done nothing.

We have asked traffic enforcements officers to be in Caldmore from 8am-6pm as many vehicles are on double yellow lines,,but they only stay a few minutes.

It is shoppers and deliveries that are causing the problems even though there are five free council car parks in Caldmore, but drivers are too lazy to use them. Many of the shops in Caldmore have a rear access for deliveries, but prefer to cause obstruction on the pavements and cause damage People going to mosque and temple in Caldmore are also causing problems and that is why police are contacting them.

ARJUN CHAND
Caldmore Residents Group
Walsall

Never again will we go to Crown Wharf

I DECIDED to take my wife Christmas shopping, at the Crown Wharf, Walsall, for the first time.

My wallet was stolen from the bag hanging on the back of my wife's wheelchair, which contained a substantial amount of cash, plus credit/debit cards etc.

If the person responsible was a genuine hard-up parent, with young children, it's no excuse but have this one on us. If it's some "smackhead" that will spend the money on drugs/drink, then I hope that their extremities degenerate painfully.

I had to go back on December 1, only to find after parking for 35 minutes, on a one-hour ticket, they sent me a £80 fine for overstaying. Needless to say, as pensioners, we won't be shopping there again.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

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Worth Santa search

HAVING decided to take our three-year-old granddaughter to see Santa, we decided to check on the internet first to be sure he would be there. We tried shops and garden centres but no, not on Thursdays –weekends only! Not to disappoint, we kept on surfing and yes we did find one at Bilston Pentecostal Church, Wolverhampton Street, Bilston. They were open 3-30pm to 7-30pm. To visit the grotto was free and it was really lovely. A gift from Santa was only £1 and a photograph with Santa just £2. We were delighted with all this plus a coffee and mince pie available for the adults. A lot of hard work had obviously gone into all this and not for profit. No better value anywhere and the 'elves' were very friendly and helpful.We would recommend a visit to anyone!

SANDRA RUBERY
Short Heath, Willenhall

Taking stock of Arbotetum link with past

HAVING witnessed the recent loss of links to Walsall's past, ie Mellish Road church and the Jabez Cliffe building, it would be reassuring, albeit on a smaller scale, to think that the stocks in the Arboretum will be preserved. They are really historic items, even though they are looking a little fragile and in need of a little TLC.

At the moment, they are more threatened by a dangerously leaning tree. This, should really have been removed under the tree culling programme.

I believe the stocks were originally sited at the top of High Street near to St Mathew's church.It would be interesting, if anyone knows, the last time these were used, the transgressor, the offence, and also the punishment.

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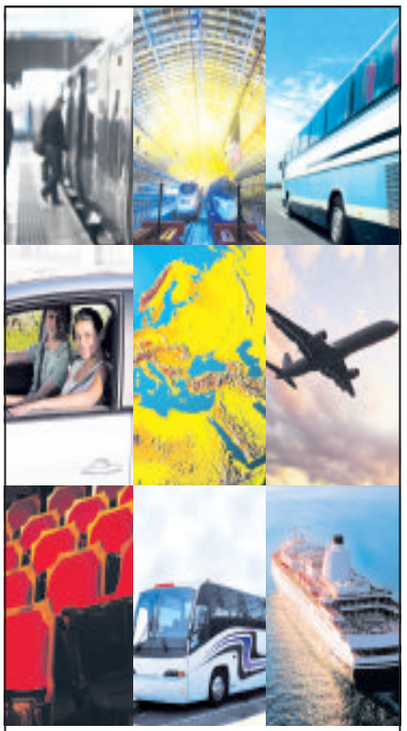

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When the Gunners were shot down by Saddlers

WALSALL 2 Arsenal 0 – it's a scoreline that looks as improbable today as it did in 1933. Such a result then, as now, would shock the footballing world. And it did.

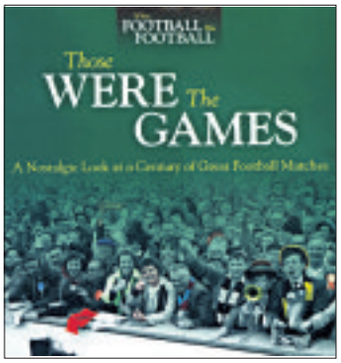
Now, the game is featured in a Mirror publication which takes a nostalgic look at a century of classic matches.

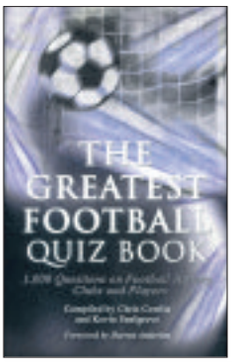
Those Were The Games, available at £18.99, looks back at those historic, headline-defining clashes. And it isn't just the Saddlers' memorable cup triumph over the Gunners that features.

In fact, the book opens with Wolves 1 Sunderland 0 from November 1903. The significance? It was Alf Common's last game as a Sunderland player before a transfer to neighbours Middlesbrough that saw him become the first £1,000 player. Villa's 7-5 defeat at Newcastle in 1928 – a game played in blizzard conditions – and the 4-2 win over Manchester City in 1932, which saw the Villans record their record 128th goal in a season, also feature.

Other games – and the stories behind them – include the Matthews Final of 1953 and will have the football aficionado gripped for hours.

Column inches are afforded to the first televised match in 1937, the Mighty Magyars' shock win at Wembley, Tottenham winning the double, the England v West Germany World Cup final, Hereford's giant-killing over Newcastle, Nottingham Forest's European triumph and the Crazy Gang lifting the cup.





The answer for quiz buffs

HE was the answer to the question: "Which former England player was nicknamed 'Sicknote'?"

Now Darren Anderton has put his given his seal of approval to The Greatest Football Quiz Book.

Compiled by Chris Cowlin and Kevin Snelgrove, the former Wolves and Blues winger writes the foreword to the book, which features 1,000 questions on the history of the game, on clubs and on players.

"This book is an excellent way to check up on all those important facts and figures from recent football history. There really is something for everyone," Anderton writes.

Featured categories include the first ever Premier League season, FA Cup winners and players' nicknames. There is even a section on Anderton himself.

There are questions dedicated to Wolves, Blues, Villa and Albion. For example, do you know how many games Derek Parkin played for wolves? Or what was Fred Morris the first Albion player to do in 1919/20?

Like all quiz books, this can keep fans occupied for hours and is the perfect way to test your knowledge of your favourite topic or club.

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Elsie Leek

Tributes as Elsie dies, 104

ONE of the Black Country's oldest residents has died at the age of 104.

Tributes have been paid to Darlaston-raised Elsie Leek, a resident at Winehala Court care home, Willenhall.

Mrs Leek, who worked in Eatons butcher's for more than two decades, was described as "generous" and "loving" by her family.

She was one of 13 children of Daniel and Susannah Nicholas, wed Charles Leek in 1930, and moved from The Green to Attlee Road, Bentley. Mrs Leek attended St Andrew's Church, Bentley, where the funeral took place last Friday (23).

Niece Minnie Lambeth, aged 76, said: "Elsie was alert to the end. She loved children, although she never had any herself."

Blitz on bootlegging

TRADING standards and customs officers in walsall have been visiting premises across the borough over the festive period in a bid to crack down on trade in bootleg cigarettes.

I saw dog savage my pet pup to death, says teen

Abigail and Chantelle Manns, distraught over puppy Max's death

A WALSALL schoolgirl has told of her horror as she saw her beloved terrier puppy mauled to death by an out-of-control dog.

Chantelle Manns, aged 15, said her family had been left devastated following the attack, and appealed dog owners to keep their pets on a lead if they are aggressive.

Police have told the distraught family that they are powerless to take action over the attack because it was two dogs fighting.

Chantelle Manns told how she was walking year-old Max in Pine Avenue, Darlaston, when another dog, believed to be a bull terrier, came racing from behind and locked its jaws on her pet.

The Grace Academy pupil, who lives with mother Andrea, brother Mitchell, 16, and seven-year-old sister Abigail in Broadwaters Road said the bull terrier snapped at her heels as she was on her bike walking Max.

Chantelle grabbed her pet and dropped him on grass on the other side of a small fence, thinking it would be safe.

Christmas

But the other dog leapt over the fence and sank its teeth into Max.

Chantelle said: "Max looked at me as if to say 'Please help me!'. He was trying to put his foot in the other dog's face and the dog's owner was trying to pull him off."

She said of her beloved pet: "I was his best friend, he was the family pet but I was the one to wash him and feed him."

Mother Andrea, aged 36, said: "It's been very traumatic at Christmas time.

"I didn't want to see him afterwards, so I can't imagine what Chantelle went through seeing him attacked. She was sick three times when she came home that evening.

"We did involve the police, but because it's a dog fighting another dog, there's nothing they can do, it's a civil matter.

"I am concerned because what happens when that dog is loose again? It could happen to a child."

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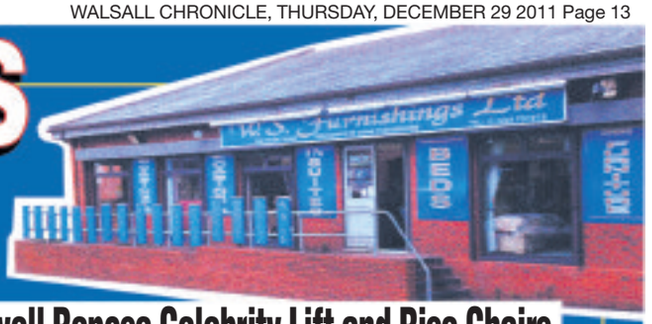

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Margaret Millington steams a Christmas pudding over an oven range at the museum in Dudley

Coal and orange in your stocking if you're lucky

The Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding looks at how families would have celebrated Christmas in the 1900s.

MEMORY LANE

by Fiona Carding

IF YOU'VE had to tighten your purse strings this Christmas then spare a thought for your great-grandparents, who would have worked up until lunchtime on Christmas Day and would have been lucky to find an orange and a piece of coal in their stocking.

Children were at the centre of the festive celebrations, as they are now, but festivities focused on food rather than giving presents.

Many mothers started paying a penny a week into the sweet shop twelve weeks before Christmas, putting aside sweets for children's stockings. These would have included things like sugar mice and pigs, sugar fancies, sticks of rainbow rock and liquorice pipes."

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Few working class families had a Christmas tree in the early 1900s. Instead, decorations were made of holly or wooden hoops from butter barrels and trimmed with coloured paper.

Bundles of chocolate were hung on the 'tree', not to be eaten until after Twelfth Night.

Christmas was far less commercial, and more charitable. Year-round donations from community members and benevolent trusts ensured even the poorest in society weren't forgotten.

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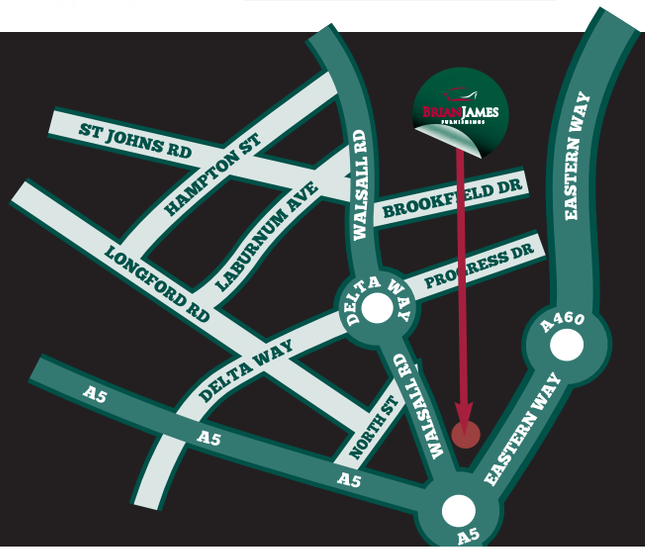

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** New Year's Eve Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: 2011 Season Review. **2.00** Film: The Pacifier. (2005) Comedy, with Vin Diesel. **3.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker. (R)

6.25 Winter Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present a winter-themed version of Total Wipeout, which sees the contestants tackling an all-new snow-covered course.

7.25 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) The swashbuckling rogues join forces with old foe Barbossa to rescue Captain Jack Sparrow from the land of the dead. Adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers.

11.40 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg announces the all-important numbers.

11.50 New Year Live 2011. Jake Humphrey welcomes in 2012.

12.15 Lee Mack Going Out Live; National Lottery Update. **1.15** Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow. (R) **2.15** Weatherview. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.05** CBBC. **10.05** Film: Home on the Range. (2004) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Roseanne Barr. **11.15** Film: First Daughter. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. **12.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.35** Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Adventure, starring Evel Knievel and Lauren Hutton. **3.15** Springwatch Christmas Special. **4.45** Film: The Guns of Navarone. (1961) Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck.

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7.15 Flog It! From Stoke-on-Trent. (R)

8.00 Morecambe & Wise: The Show What Paul Merton Did. Paul Merton hosts a celebration of the comedy duo. (R)

9.00 Eric & Ernie. One-off drama about Morecambe and Wise's early years, from their meeting on the children's variety circuit to their first TV appearances. Victoria Wood and Jim Moir star. (R)

10.30 Parkinson, Morecambe & Wise. Michael Parkinson looks back at his 1972 interview with the comedy duo. (R)

11.15 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2011. With Cyndi Lauper, Jessie J, James Morrison and the Vaccines.

1.30 Glastonbury Best Bits 2011. (R) **3.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **7.55** Film: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders. (2000) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jeff Bennett. **9.25** Monk. **9.30** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.45** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! (R) **10.45** Coronation Street. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Film: Pride and Prejudice. (2005) Period drama, starring Keira Knightley. **4.05** Film: The Queen. (2006) Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren.

6.05 Regional Programmes.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Xmas Special. (R)

7.00 Westlife: For the Last Time. The boys perform their greatest hits in a farewell special. (R)

8.00 The Cube. Two more contestants take on the challenge. Last in the series.

9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night 2. Selection of TV bloopers, presented by Griff Rhys Jones.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

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10.15 The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song. (R)

11.45 ITV News and Countdown to 2012.

12.05 That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year. **1.05** Film: The Blues Brothers. (1980) Comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd; ITV News Headlines. **3.20** In Plain Sight. (R) **4.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** GT Academy. **7.30** Extreme Sailing Series. **8.00** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. **9.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. **9.50** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **10.50** T4: Beyoncé Live at Roseland. **11.55** Film: Three Men and a Baby. (1987) Comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.55 Channel 4 News.

7.05 4thought.tv.

7.10 FILM: Porridge. (1979) Comedy spin-off from the TV series, with Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale.

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9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular. With Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Heston Blumenthal and JLS.

11.35 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas. Alex Zane presents the 50 greatest festive internet videos.

12.40 The Simpsons. **1.10** Film: Invasion of the Body Snatchers. (1956) Sci-fi thriller, starring Kevin McCarthy. **2.30** Southland. **3.15** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.05** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R) **5.00** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.50** Sali Mali. (R) **5.55** The Hoobs. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Impossible? **11.00** World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.55** Ben Hur. (R) **4.35** Film: 21. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011. James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present heat five of the finals from Wingate University, North Carolina, where the line-up for the final was set to be decided.

8.00 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks. A rundown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and new kid on the block Dynamo.

10.40 FILM: Up the Front. (1972) A cowardly footman is hypnotised into enlisting during the First World War, and ends up being tattooed with secret German plans. Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd and Zsa Zsa Gabor.

12.25 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. With Dara O Briain, Jack Whitehall and Louis CK. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Great Artists. Greek artist El Greco. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. British religious art. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. Shake has lots of fun with his new bike. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Flash challenges Roary to a race. (R)

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ITV2

3.45 Film: Free Willy (1993) **6.05** Film: The Polar Express (2004) **8.00** Film: Dante's Peak (1997) **10.00** Celebrity Juice: 2041 – A Juice Odyssey **11.00** Tweets of the Year

ITV3

3.45 Film: Arthur 2: On the Rocks (1988) **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** A Royal Year to Remember **8.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4

1.20 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **4.00** Film: Horizons West (1952) **5.45** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: Mad Max 2 (1981)

BBC THREE

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **9.00** Most Annoying People of 2011

BBC FOUR

7.00 Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella **9.00** Motown at the BBC **10.00** Edinburgh Comedy Live **11.00** Charlie Brooker's 2011 Wipe

E4

3.30 Sorority Girls **4.35** Desperate Scousewives **5.35** Scrubs **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Mean Girls (2004) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.10 The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) **4.50** The Three Musketeers (1993) **6.55** Footloose (1984) **9.00** Four Lions (2010) Four British Muslims form an incompetent terrorist cell and hatch a scheme to attack the London marathon. Chris Morris' satirical comedy, starring Rizwan Ahmed, Kayvan Novak, Nigel Lindsay, Adeel Akhtar, Arsher Ali, Preeya Kalidas and Julia Davis. **11.00** Rushmore (1999) A student causes chaos at a private school when he develops a crush on a teacher. Comedy drama, starring Jason Schwartzman and Bill Murray.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.40** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** Winter Wipeout. (R) **11.00** Film: Mouse Hunt. (1997) Slapstick comedy, starring Lee Evans and Nathan Lane. **12.35** BBC News; Weather. **12.45** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. **12.50** Songs of Praise – New Year's Day Big Sing. **1.30** Film: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. **2.50** Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Ben Barnes. **5.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Film: Bolt. (2008) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of John Travolta.

7.00 EastEnders. Extended episode. Pat's friends and family gather by her bedside as her condition deteriorates rapidly – but the person she wants to see most of all, her son David, is not there.
8.10 Sherlock. New series. Holmes investigates a case of blackmail threatening to topple the monarchy – only to become engaged in a battle of wits with a woman as brilliant as himself.
9.40 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina tries to win Saffy's respect.
10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.35 Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall. Coverage of the singer in concert in September 2011.
11.35 FILM: Cold Mountain. (2003) Period drama, starring Nicole Kidman.

2.00 Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBBC. **9.55** Film: Gun Fury. (1953) Western, starring Rock Hudson. **11.15** New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012. **12.40** Film: Dean Spanley. (2008) Comedy, with Sam Neill, Peter O'Toole and Jeremy Northam. **2.15** Film: Force 10 from Navarone. (1978) Second World War adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. **4.15** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. (R) **4.20** Film: The Eagle Has Landed. (1976) Adventure, with Michael Caine.

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6.30 You Have Been Watching – David Croft. A tribute to the TV comedy writer. (R)
7.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in problems. Classic comedy with the Home Guard, with Arthur Lowe. (R)
8.00 Great Barrier Reef. New series. Monty Halls explores the Australian coral reef and the wildlife that inhabits it.
9.00 A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple. A newly discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney.
10.00 Match of the Day 2.
11.00 QI XL. (R)
11.45 FILM: Broken Flowers. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray.

1.25 BBC News. **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.05** Film: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase. (2001) Animated adventure, with the voice of Bob Bergen. **9.25** Film: Beethoven. (1991) Canine comedy, starring Charles Grodin. **11.00** Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Inspector Morse. (R) **3.45** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage from the archives, featuring messy eaters, troublesome teens and sibling rivalries.
7.00 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009) Premiere. The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end his reign of terror. Fantasy, starring Daniel Radcliffe.
9.45 The Unforgettable John Thaw. A tribute to the much-loved actor.
10.45 ITV News; Weather.

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11.00 FILM: Analyze This. (1999) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro.

12.55 Premiership Rugby Union; ITV News Headlines. **1.50** Film: The Whole Ten Yards. (2004) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** Film: The Land Before Time. (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Gabriel Damon. **8.00** Film: Arctic Tale. (2007) Premiere. Documentary on Arctic wildlife. **9.45** Film: The Bridge on the River Kwai. (1957) Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness. **12.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.20** Film: True Grit. (1969) Western, starring John Wayne. **5.45** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Sheila Whelan Duffy hosts the first dinner party in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.
8.00 The Hotel. New series. Documentary exploring life at the Grosvenor Hotel, Torquay.

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9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Jonathan Ross. Survival expert Bear Grylls takes the chat show host to little-known Canary Island La Palma, where they trek through dense jungle and walk down an active volcano.
10.00 Hacks.
11.05 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011. (R)

1.10 American Football Live. A match from the final weekend of the season. **4.45** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.10** Post Modern Pastimes. (R) **5.25** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Mio Mao. (R) **8.10** Olivia. (R) **8.25** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.30** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.40** Angelina Ballerina. **8.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Top 10 Aussie Soap Moments 2011. **11.45** World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) **12.45** Film: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. (1954) Musical Western, starring Howard Keel. **2.50** Film: The Wizard of Oz. (1939) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. **4.55** Film: Return to Oz. (1985) Fantasy adventure, starring Fairuza Balk.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011. The final from Wingate University, North Carolina.
8.00 An Audience with Dame Edna: 1980. (R)
9.15 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2011. (R)

12.10 The Truth About Cheryl Cole. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
2.45 Film: Richie Rich (1994) **4.45** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **7.00** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special **8.00** The Cube Celebrity Special **9.00** Film: I Am Legend (2007) **11.00** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

ITV3
3.50 Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **5.45** Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) **7.45** Lewis. A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. **9.45** Film: Sophie's Choice (1982)

ITV4
3.20 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **6.00** Film: 633 Squadron (1964) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) **11.00** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968)

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: WALL.E (2008) **8.30** BURN.E **8.40** Pixar: 25 Magic Moments **9.40** Film: Ratatouille (2007) **11.20** EastEnders

BBC FOUR
7.00 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012 **9.00** Film: Half a Sixpence (1967) **11.20** Come Bell Ringing with Charles Hazlewood

E4
3.45 Being Erica **4.40** Samantha Who? **5.10** Film: Black Knight (2001) **7.00** Film: Crocodile Dundee (1986) **9.00** World's Greatest Body Shockers – Part 1 **10.00** Tim Minchin: Ready for This? **11.45** PhoneShop

FILM4
2.10 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **4.00** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **6.05** Transformers (2007) Sci-fi action adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox. **8.50** The Iron Lady Interview Special **9.00** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) A cocky teenager plays truant from school and spends the day dragging his friends into all manner of adventures in the big city. Comedy, with Matthew Broderick and Jennifer Grey. **11.00** Scary Movie (2000)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Wanted Down Under. 9.45 Homes Under the Hammer. 10.45 Saints and Scroungers. 11.30 Britain's Empty Homes. 12.00 Bargain Hunt. 12.45 BBC News; Weather. 1.00 Regional News; Weather. 1.10 Film: Race to Witch Mountain. (2009) 2.45 Film: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit. (1993) 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News; Weather. 5.25 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 5.35 Celebrity Mastermind. 6.05 Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. (2008) 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 EastEnders: Farewell Pat. 9.00 The Royal Bodyguard. 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.00 BBC News. 10.10 Regional News; Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day. 11.30 Film: Point Break. (1991) 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 2.30 Holby City. (R) 3.30 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 4.00 You've Been Scammed. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 9.15 Film: Two Brothers. (2004) 10.55 Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) 12.25 EastEnders. 3.00 Real Rescues. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 Armando's Tale of Charles Dickens. 10.00 Film: Revolutionary Road. (2008) 11.50 Film: Hideous Kinky. (1998) 1.25 BBC News. 4.20 Close.

ITV1 6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 7.55 Film: Clifford's Really Big Movie. (2005) 9.25 Film: Beethoven's 2nd. (1993) 11.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 11.30 Film: You've Got Mail. (1998) 1.45 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) 3.55 Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) 6.35 Regional News; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cornwall. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Endeavour. 11.00 ITV News; Weather. 11.15 Film: Die Another Day. (2002) 1.40 The Zone; ITV News. 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 4.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.55 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Treacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.05 Frasier. (R) 9.35 Frasier. (R) 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.05 The Simpsons. (R) 11.40 The Simpsons. (R) 12.10 Film: Baby's Day Out. (1994) 2.00 Film: Von Ryan's Express. (1965) 4.15 Deal or No Deal. 5.15 Channel 4 News. 5.25 4thought.tv. 5.30 The Simpsons. (R) 6.00 Hollyoaks. 6.30 The Channel 4 Mash Up. 6.35 The Million Pound Drop: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 6.55 Come Dine with Me – Made in Chelsea: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 7.30 Location, Location, Location: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 7.55 The Million Pound Drop: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 8.15 Come Dine with Me – Made in Chelsea: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 8.45 River Cottage: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 9.05 Countdown – 8 Out of 10 Cats: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 9.35 The Million Pound Drop: The Channel 4 Mash Up. 10.00 The Bank Job. 11.05 Comedy Showcase: The Angelos Neil Epithemiou Show. (R) 11.35 Random Acts. (R) 11.40 Hacks. (R) 12.45 Music on 4: Inputoutput. 1.00 No, No, No. (R) 1.05 Coming Up: Magic. (R) 1.30 Jon Snow's 2011. (R) 2.25 The Year the Earth Went Wild. (R) 3.20 Ozone. (R) 3.40 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R) 4.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.25 Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Inside Hollywood. 10.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.40 World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) 11.40 5 News Lunchtime. 11.50 Film: Custer of the West. (1967) 2.35 Magic Beyond Words: The JK Rowling Story. 4.20 Film: The Slipper and the Rose. (1976) 7.00 The Hotel Inspector; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 The Greatest Ever Carry On Films; (R) 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Hitch. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Will Smith, Eva Mendes and Kevin James. Includes 5 News Update. 11.25 Film: I Still Know What You Did Last Summer. (1998) 1.20 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 Grey's Anatomy. 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scroungers. 11.45 Britain's Empty Homes; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Public Enemies. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Lee Mack Going Out Live. (R) 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.20 Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Frozen Planet. (R) 1.25 James May's Man Lab. (R) 2.25 MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) 3.25 You've Been Scammed. (R) 4.10 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.50 Film: A Goofy Movie. (1995) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Farmer. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Real Rescues. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 8.00 Weird Nature. 9.00 King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Charlie Brooker's 2011 Wipe. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.15 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.00 Lewis. (R) 4.59 Regional Weather. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 River Monsters. 8.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: New Year Special. 9.00 The Biggest Loser. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp. (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Tad Hilgenbrinck and Eugene Levy. 12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Crossing Jordan. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Squeezed. 7.30 Perfect Couples. 7.50 According to Jim. (R) 8.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.20 Frasier. (R) 9.55 Frasier. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.55 Undercover Boss Australia. 11.55 Film: Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story. (2005) Family drama, starring Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning. 1.55 Film: Casablanca. (1942) Romantic drama, starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Fat Fighters. 9.00 Accused: The 74 Stone Babysitter. 10.00 The Bank Job. 11.05 Felix and Murdoch. (R) 11.40 The Armstrong & Miller Show – Best Bits. (R) 12.15 Random Acts. 12.20 Film: Kung Fu Hustle. (2004) 2.00 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building. (R) 2.05 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.30 Beach Volleyball. 3.25 Extreme Sailing Series. (R) 3.50 The Grid. 4.15 GT Academy. (R) 4.40 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R) 5.30 Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.30 Monkey Life. (R) 11.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.00 5 News Lunchtime. 12.10 Film: Apache Drums. (1951) 1.40 Film: Avenging Angel. (2007) 3.20 Film: Mystery Woman: Redemption. (2006) 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Tinsel. (R) 6.55 5 News. 7.00 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 New Cowboy Builders; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Thirteen: Conspiracy. (R) 11.35 Bourne Identity: The True Story. (R) 12.35 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. 1.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Film: McCinsey's Island. (1998) 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Real Rescues. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 8.00 Weird Nature. 9.00 King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy. 10.00 Mock the Week – Again. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to New England. (R) 12.20 An Island Parish. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.20 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.50 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.50 5 News Lunchtime. 11.55 Film: Six Black Horses. (1962) Western, starring Audie Murphy. 1.35 The Witches of Oz. (R) 3.15 Film: A Girl Like Me: The Gwen Araujo Story. (2006) Fact-based drama, starring JD Pardo. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 6.55 5 News. 7.00 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Jaws: The True Story; (R) 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Beowulf. (2007); 5 News. 11.15 Film: Hollow Man 2. (2006) 1.00 Poker: The Big Game. 2.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Film: Darby O'Gill and the Little People. (1959) Disney fantasy, starring Sean Connery. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Real Rescues. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Great British Food Revival. (R) 7.30 Top Gear India Special. (R) 9.00 Wonderland: Meet Britain's Chinese Tiger Mums. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to New England. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

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Channel 4 6.15 Sali Mali. (R) 6.20 The Treacle People. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 6.55 The Hoobs. (R) 7.20 Freshly Squeezed. 7.45 Perfect Couples. 8.10 According to Jim. (R) 8.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.35 Frasier. (R) 10.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.35 Undercover Boss Australia. 11.40 Film: A Challenge for Robin Hood. (1967) Action adventure, starring Barrie Ingham. 1.35 Film: The Cruel Sea. (1953) Second World War nautical adventure, starring Jack Hawkins. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 The Restoration Man. 10.00 The Bank Job. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Accused: The 74 Stone Babysitter. (R) 12.15 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. 12.30 Music on 4: Alex Zane Pops Out. (R) 1.00 Film: A Man Apart. (2003) Crime thriller, starring Vin Diesel. 2.50 Whatever Turns You On. (R) 2.55 Shooting Gallery. (R) 3.05 Soft. (R) 3.20 Attack of the Trip Advisors. (R) 4.15 Hugh's Fish Fight. (R) 5.10 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 5.55 Sali Mali. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Film: Stolen Summer. (2002) Drama, starring Aidan Quinn. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Real Rescues. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Great Barrier Reef. (R) 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 Mastermind. 9.00 Sicily Unpacked. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 Weather. 11.05 Film: 50 Dead Men Walking. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based thriller, starring Jim Sturgess. 12.55 Film: Beaufort. (2007) Premiere. Israeli war drama, starring Oshri Cohen. 2.55 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.15 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.45 Monkey Life. (R) 11.15 5 News Lunchtime. 11.25 Celebrity Big Brother: Launch Show. (R) 1.25 Magic Beyond Words: The JK Rowling Story. (R) 3.15 Film: Relative Stranger. (2009) Drama, starring Eriq La Salle. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 6.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 6.55 5 News. 7.00 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 World's Toughest Trucker. New series. Eight drivers navigate treacherous roads; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. 10.00 Celebrity Wedding Planner. 11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.05 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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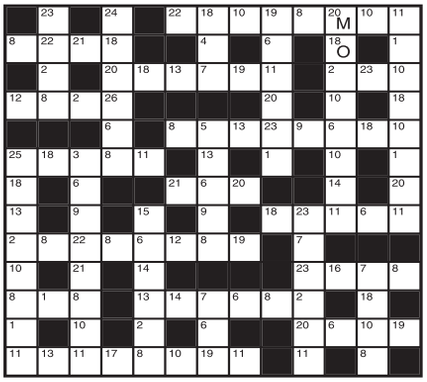

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. As transmitted, it signifies agreement (6)
4. Fighting doctor in a coat (6)
9. It means the end of a union (7,6)
10. It's right to punish (7)
11. Gives out wrong times (5)
12. Figures it's a game! (5)
14. The theatre gets a new production (5)
18. His work is above most people! (5)
19. See ice does make it (7)
21. Religious split? (6,2,5)
22. See air, perhaps? It's not so difficult! (6)
23. Trees evidently of some antiquity (6)

Down

1. He has a habit of taking things (6)
2. One must be patient with it for a long time.... (6,7)
3. ... and she might deal with your complaint! (5)
5. Be too self-indulgent (7)
6. Great ambition of the pyromaniac? (7,6)
7. He believes in new tithes (6)
8. Warms up for the opening races (5)
13. A race he organised gives pain to the listener (7)
15. Not likely to change horses (6)
16. Some glad donations to join to the list (3,2)
17. Gets engaged when he is in a bit of trouble (6)
20. Refuse from almost everybody (5)

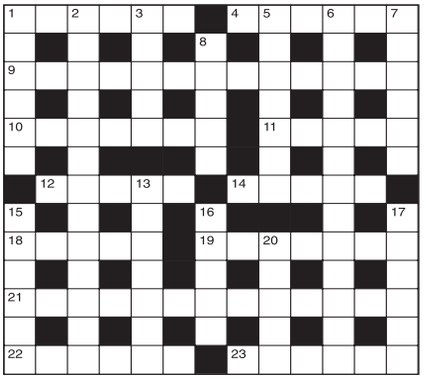
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Illegal compulsion (6)
4. Kidnap (6)
9. Espionage agency (6,7)
10. Left out (7)
11. Bury (5)
12. Throw (5)
14. Attractiveness (5)
18. Straggle (5)
19. Force out (7)
21. Premier (5,8)
22. Signify (6)
23. Vow (6)

Down

1. Autocrat (6)
2. Counter-charge (13)
3. Sugary (5)
5. Polish (7)
6. Continuous (13)
7. Abstract principle (6)
8. Privately (5)
13. Assemble (7)
15. Foolish (6)
16. Danger (5)
17. Extent (6)
20. Test (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Gipsy caravan; 7 Repel; 8 Tooth; 9 Spa; 10 Bay-window; 11 No more; 12 Hunter; 15 Grandiose; 17 Mat; 18 Mourn; 19 Erato; 21 Receptionist. Down: 1 Guessing game; 2 Yap; 3 Alleys; 4 Attribute; 5 Avoid; 6 The worst of it; 7 Realm; 10 Barn dance; 13 Tempo; 14 Covert; 16 Amuse; 20 Ago. QUICK - Across: 1 Christmas Eve; 7 Steer; 8 Nylon; 9 Rue; 10 Eliminate; 11 Length; 12 Fiscal; 15 On purpose; 17 Beg; 18 Extra; 19 Brawn; 21 Change course. Down: 1 Control tower; 2 See; 3 Margin; 4 Sensitive; 5 Villa; 6 Intelligible; 7 Stern; 10 Entertain; 13 Cabin; 14 Double; 16 Pitch; 20 Ado.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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6	8	3	7	4	5	9	1	2
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is K. Kilkenny, Wicklow, Limerick, all counties of the

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Ferrari fanatic lifts the lid on fantastic 260 GTO

By Matt Joy

LIKE A magician about to reach the end of a complicated trick, Joe Macari stands next to a red Ferrari-emblazoned cover and pulls it back to reveal one of the most sought-after cars of all time.

"This," says Macari, "is the best example of its type I've ever seen."

Not only is Joe Macari a one-man encyclopaedia of all things Ferrari, he is also an accomplished racing driver and sits at the helm of Joe Macari Servicing, a purpose-built Ferrari service centre.

Under the roof of his west London address is every type of Ferrari ever built, and they are all waiting to have Macari and his army of highly trained engineers bestow their expertise upon them.

"If it were the real thing, it would be worth millions, but this re-creation is probably still worth at least £500,000," he says.

"There are replicas and then there are re-creations. The difference being that a 250 GTO replica will normally sit on a donor chassis while a re-creation uses the same parts Ferrari made the original 250 GTO with.

"Only 36 GTOs were ever built and each one of them was slightly different, and, like this one, were all based on a shortened 250 GT chassis."

Under the bonnet is a thoroughbred 3.0-litre V12 Ferrari engine, which has been bench tested and confirmed to have power output of 300bhp.

The A-arm front suspension, live-axle rear end and disc brakes are all to the exact 250 GTO specifications too, as is the rest of the car, including the Borrani wheels.

Sculptured

The body is perfect, too. It looks right in every respect; there are numerous air vents and slots which break up the smoothness of its beautifully sculptured body.

The flimsy chrome door handles and bonnet catches have come off a Ferrari from the same era, too.

The accuracy is even more vivid from behind the wheel. The polished aluminium gear lever is both functional and artistic, the thin wooden steering wheel seems enormous by modern-day standards yet remains a tactile piece of sculpture.

Then there's the noise. On start-up it lets out a gentle rumble, and then, as the revs increase, so does the V12 roar. It's a deep, rich, textured sound which reverberates around the sparse cockpit.

And, like the car it so flawlessly mimics, it is far from perfect. The genuine article was far from forgiving and took time to get the balance exactly right. It might be road-legal but its heart yearns to be on a race track, and when it was unleashed on the Goodwood race circuit, it came alive.

For a car of its age it still has an uncanny way of instilling the sort of confidence normally found in modern-day supercars – it allowed for so much more extra speed to be carried into and throughout every turn.

This 250 GTO may not have the sort of pedigree which will ever see it being coveted enough to achieve a multimillion-dollar price tag, but it absolutely and emphatically encapsulates the very ethos which made these Ferraris so prized.

Somehow half a million quid does seem very reasonable indeed.

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AS LONG as I can remember the name Volvo in car manufacturing terms has always meant dependant reliable vehicles and a few years ago if you were in the market for an estate car there really was only one option and that was the Volvo.

Time moves on and motoring fashions change but Volvo have not stood still and the XC60 has managed to combine the best of the XC90 and the XC70 estate car, in combining these it has produced one of the safest and the most stylish Volvo yet seen.

By Bob Hickman

The market place for the XC60 is a difficult one especially with the current economic climate and people wanting more and more miles to the gallon and lower and lower CO2 emissions. The market is currently is dominated by the Nissan Qashqai, Honda CRV perhaps the Toyota Rav or the BMW X3.

The XC60 is 21cms shorter than the XC70 estate and 17 cms shorter and 7cms lower than the XC90.

The coupe features really do give the XC60 an agile, sharp handling look; obviously a wide track and a firmly tuned suspension with excellent steering give the vehicle the characteristics and dynamics of a vehicle that perhaps you would like to aspire to. In addition this vehicle is a pleasure to drive and with Volvo safety you will feel cocooned within it.

Electronic

The XC60 that I had on test had the all-wheel drive system and this really does improve the handling and road holding and does give it a feeling of stability when the road surface is a little wet or slippy.

Sadly I did not have the vehicle when we had our annual snowfall to have been able to enjoy a drive when otherwise you would feel trepidation at the road conditions.

Drive is to all four wheels but the electronic set up automatically senses if a wheel is not gripping properly and transfers power to it where it is needed, this ensures maximum traction at all times.

The driving dynamics of the vehicle which was equipped with a 2,400cc five-cylinder diesel engine was reassuring at all times, with a slightly higher driving position and an excellent cabin design with well thought out features, you have a vehicle that you quickly adapt to and become comfortable with.

The engine produces 215 bhp and delivers a quoted mpg of 50.4 mpg on the combined cycle due to the stop start system.

It was gratifying to note that I actually managed to get within five mpg of these figures on a combination of twisty, sinewy A and B class roads and reasonably high speed motorway gallop, so for once the consumption figures were reasonably accurate.

The excellent fuel figures for this large vehicle are helped by the stop/start system which has been incorporated, albeit it is strange at first to sit in a completely silent vehicle when you come to a halt and take your foot off the clutch and the engines stops, and as soon as you press the clutch pedal it starts again, you soon adapt and get used to this feature.

The performance for the size of the vehicle is reasonably commendable, 0 – 60 in 9.7 seconds and a top speed where permissible of 130 mph is certainly more than adequate for this humble scribe's needs.

My test vehicle's trim level was quite high, Volvo are after all a premium brand manufacturer and I think you would expect to find front fog lamps, alloy wheels, roof rails and spoilers and the interior details to be high to include electronic climate control, an information centre, cruise control, leather steering wheel with excellent remote controls built in and a CD player as standard features on a vehicle of this stature and price.

A feature on the XC60 is Volvo's city safe technology, this facility helps to avoid low speed accidents in city traffic or tailbacks, basically up to nine mph if the vehicle brakes in front suddenly the system can determine a collision is likely and the brakes are applied for you.

It works by way of a system of laser sensors which are integrated at the top of the windscreen and it detects when the vehicle in front or other objects up to 10 metres from the front of the car bumper.

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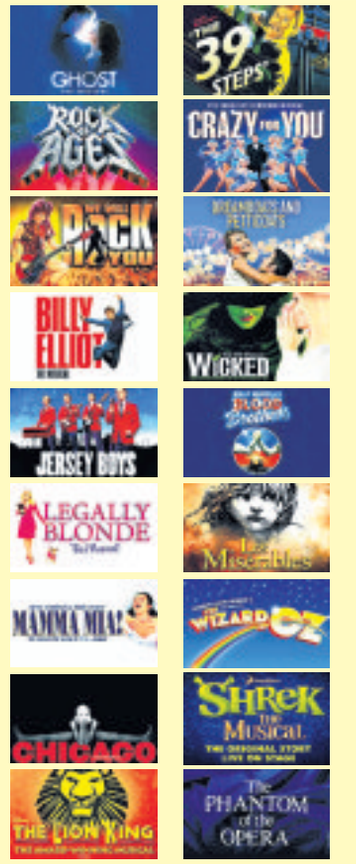

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Bargain buy? Fernando Torres

If you live to be 150, you might see this . . .

IT was the British scientist Aubrey De Gray who issued one of the more thought provoking sentences of 2011, ***writes Martin Swain***.

The University of Cambridge graduate said the first person who will live to see their 150th birthday has already been born. Even more incredibly, he claimed that the first person to live for 1,000 years will be born in the next two decades.

The British scientist sees a time when people will go to their doctors for regular 'maintenance', which by then will include gene therapies, stem cell therapies, immune stimulation and a range of other advanced techniques to keep them in good shape.

What, I wondered, will the 150-year-old football fan of tomorrow live to see? Here's five to begin with:

1. England win the World Cup: Maybe. It must be one of the great laments of this most financially successful era of the domestic game that international glory continues to elude the nation. A huge pity this.

Many will remember the invigorating buzz that electrified the country during the halcyon days of Euro 96; there are plenty of us still around who felt the extraordinary impact of 1966.

There may be many things wrong with our game, many factors for which it is justifiably resented in other parts of the world. But there is no doubt that the English remain one of the driving forces of football's march across the globe.

2. Fernando Torres score: Has there been anything more baffling than the collapse in this formerly brilliant striker's form since his move to Chelsea? It may be too late for him at Chelsea but he could be a brilliant signing – at an inevitably lesser price – for another club in the future.

3. The Baggies signing a player in Janu. . . sorry. Scrub that. Now we are getting a little far-fetched.

4. The fit and proper persons test actually applied. There is nothing more gullible, it appears, than a slightly desperate football club pining for a shot at glamour and subsequently seduced by an unknown name from a distant land turning up and promising fistfuls of the green stuff to finance their dreams.

But from Shiniwatra to Yeung, via any number of dodgy characters from the USSR's break-up not to mention the laughable Venky's at Blackburn, they invariably turn out to be chancers without a proverbial pot in which to take a comfort break.

5. Jeff Bonser putting in an appearance at Walsall: Or, at least, communicating with the his club's dwindling band of followers.

During the days before he shut himself off from the world, Bonser maintained he would never do anything to the detriment of Walsall FC. But, in case he hadn't noticed, Walsall FC is dying.

And it's on his watch.

He and his club, which enjoys a natural and broad affection among the region's football followers, need all the help they can muster.

Taking his ball home and locking himself in his room for a good sulk is, frankly, childish and serves only to endorse those who damn him.

Read Martin Swain every day in the Express & Star

Big Sam gets thumbs up for silencing Brady bunch

Chief Sports Writer Martin Swain takes a sideways look back on 2011 and gives out his awards

Outstanding Contribution to English Football

OK, so the Hammers faithful may be moaning about the football they're seeing – but it's all gone quiet down Upton Park thanks to Sam Allardyce.

Any man who can lay his hands on industrial-sized gaffer tape and stick it over the mouths of the unholy trinity of Gold, Sullivan and Brady deserves our praise.

The Ally McLeod Premature Triumphalism Ribbon

To be pinned on the lapels of Manchester United chief executive David Gill. "Yes, we can get a Barcelona or a Real Madrid, but I'm sure they don't want to play us in the last 16 either. At the end of the day, you never know what the draw is going to be," he said two weeks before a slightly more uncomfortable excursion to Switzerland than he imagined.

The Cameron-Sarkozy Entente Cordiale Award

To Marseille sporting director José Anigo following his words of advice for any budding French Ligue 1 talents dreaming of plying their trade in the Premier League: "Behind the 'big guns' like Chelsea or Manchester (United), there's also Sunderland or Wolverhampton. French players who are used to getting on the ball end up watching it fly over their heads for 90 minutes."

The People's Award (for saying stuff we like)

A big 'well done' to Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard, nominated from this Q&A session. Question: If you had supreme power, what's the first thing you would do to improve the Premier League?

Answer: Probably create a luxury tax. Not that that solves every problem, and I'm sure there's others that you can think of, but I think that would help."

Big Sam, above, has managed to silence the outspoken owners at West Ham while Wayne Rooney's award goes to Fulham's Bryan Ruiz

The 'Allo 'Allo Trophy

To Joe Cole after being ambushed by the Canal+ touchline reporter Laurent Paganelli after Lille's 3-1 win over Lyon: "Bon match pour… my team – mon équipe – et… I'm very happy!" He knew that French CSE grade four would come in handy some time.

The Wayne Bridge Award for Best Job in Football

For the third year in succession this award goes to...Wayne Bridge – £92,000 a week, people. That's right. £92,000. A week.

The Keane-Taggart Trophy for Old Comrades

German defender Philipp Lahm, looking back in his autobiography on Jurgen Klinsmann's reign as national manager in the 2006 World Cup: "The experiment with Klinsmann was a failure. We were only working on our fitness in training. He didn't care much for tactical stuff.

"It was up to the players to come together before a match and discuss how we were going to play. All the players knew after about eight weeks that it was not going to work out with Klinsmann.

The remainder of that campaign was nothing but limiting the damage."

The Kim Jong-il 'Dear Leader, Sun of Communist Future, Shining Star of Paektu Mountain' Trophy

To Angela Westwood, whose regular reports to the sportsdesk on the fortunes of Bridgnorth Town Colts Under-12s are genuinely appreciated. Less so is her job title: "Peripatetic Assessor/ Internal Verifier/Tutor Social Care and Health Training and Assessment Centre Learning, Employment and Training Services Learning and Skills Group, Shropshire Council...."

The Always Leave Some Wiggle Room Award, kindly sponsored for another year by Wayne 'Once a Blue, Always a Blue' Rooney

To Costa Rica international and £11m Fulham summer signing Bryan Ruiz.

"I didn't want to go to Fulham at all. I was happy with Tottenham's previous interest in me. They are a dream club and one you join without hesitation."Fulham came along on August 30 . . . I had my doubts again but attractive financial terms, and a talk with Martin Jol, dragged me over the line."

The next day: "As soon as Fulham's interest was apparent to me in the summer, and despite very public interest from other clubs, I was only ever intent on joining Fulham." Sure you were, pal; sure you were.

The Nick Clegg Brownnose Cup

Step forward Anfield hopeful Krisztian Adorjan, interviewed by Liverpool's website for the new season. Best ever player in your position?

"Our first-team boss, Kenny Dalglish and Zinedine Zidane. I always loved watching Zizou and have seen some DVDs of our manager and he was a fantastic footballer." Nice try, son.

The Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Award

"It was a win of human values, team spirit, solidarity, responsibility, strength of character, resilience."

Andre Villas-Boas invokes the spirit of the Allies prevailing in the Second World War to describe, err, Chelsea beating Valencia in a game of footy.

Calm down young man, calm down.

The Play School Trophy for Inappropriate Transfers

To Real Madrid for signing seven-year-old Argentinian dribbler Leonel Angel Coira.

The child didn't begin training with the Spanish giants until September, which means he's unlikely to feature in any of this season's El Clasicos.

Services to the British Tattoo Industry

To Birmingham resident Kirk Bradley, whose right arm is now preparing for its third dose of paint in celebration of his beloved Manchester City.

His first was done in 2009 and read: 'Manchester City 2011 Champions League Winners'.

That was a little previous, so he had it changed to 2012.

After the misadventure in Napoli, an undeterred Kirk prepared for further alterations: "It's going to happen one day," he said bravely.

Happy New Year all.

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Gemmell earns a draw for Olympic

RUSHALL OLYMPIC had keeper Chris Gemmell to thank for claiming a share of the spoils in a goalless Evo-Stik Northern Premier encounter with Bradford Park Avenue on Boxing Day.

Olympic almost made the perfect start on only three minutes as a great through ball from debutant Mark Briggs found Ahmed Obeng but he was denied by Park Avenue keeper John Lamb.

In the 23rd minute Avenue were on the offensive and Nicky Boshell chanced his arm when, from just 10 yards into Rushall territory, he looped a free-kick that was taken by the wind and dropped on to the top of the crossbar.

Eight minutes before the interval the hosts were extremely fortunate when a pinpoint centre found the unmarked Boshell at the far post but he swung wildly and failed to make a telling connection.

Nine minutes after the restart Olympic again survived a let-off as skipper Lucan Spittle missed a crucial challenge and Curtis Bernard unleashed a curling drive from the edge of the box that cannoned off the woodwork.

With 17 minutes remaining more defensive sloppiness from the Pics again almost cost them but Gemmell did well to advance off his line and smother an effort from Bernard.

Wyrley out in top spot

NEWLY-PROMOTED Wyrley C lead the Walsall Table Tennis League after beating rivals Vic Park B 7-3 in their latest fixture.

Roy Norton beat Tony Isaacs for the losers, but Shammy won three for Wyrley. With Ryan Fellows, Stephen Ward and Jamie Davies all playing very well, Wood Green B also remain unbeaten and followed up a 7-3 win against Wood Green with a 10-0 thrashing of Wood Green C, who are finding the going tough.

Paul Warrallo was unbeaten for Wood Green A against Wood Green B.

Elsewhere, Cheslyn Hay A moved off the bottom despite losing 8-2 to Albrighton, with Paul Bishop and Jeff Parkes both beating Pete Fowell.

Wyrley B lie in mid-table with Tom Murray displaying good form for them in recent matches.

Moxey fears the January sales will be tough

By Tim Nash

CHIEF EXECUTIVE Jez Moxey today revealed his doubts about Wolves' ability to cash in on the January sales.

Fringe strikers Andy Keogh and Leigh Griffiths are two players that the club are willing to sell next month.

The pair are on loan at Leeds and Hibernian respectively, but Wolves don't see the duo, or other players, attracting much interest based on enquiries they've had so far, combined with the economic climate.

"Apart from the really big clubs, no one seems to have any money," said Moxey. "The message we're getting is that there is very little money around in the marketplace. Outside of the really big clubs, I think we're seeing already the fact that not much money's going to be spent.

"I think it's a reflection of the economy generally."

Wolves, who have banked a modest £150,000 for young left back Scott Malone, are keen to cash in on Keogh, whose contract is up in June, and Griffiths, who hasn't started a Premier League game for the club he joined almost a year ago from Dundee for £150,000. Meanwhile, it has emerged that Wolves paid significantly more for Eggert Jonsson than the £250,000 initially estimated.

Wolves never disclose transfer fees and sources north of the border reported that Jonsson cost £250,000 plus add-ons.

But sources have confirmed the Iceland international, who was out of contract next summer, actually cost between £500,000-£750,000.

Moxey remains confident on Wolves' ability to attract players quickly next month, following the signing of Jonsson. "We did one before the transfer window and we're hoping we can sign more players too, as soon as possible," he added.

Moxey also dismissed any interest in Stoke striker Kenwyne Jones.

Wolves have been linked with a £5m move for the former Sunderland hitman when the window opens next month.

But Moxey said: "It's completely news to me."

Manager Mick McCarthy is understood to have around £4.5m to spend next month.

McCarthy wants a defensive midfielder and a centre-back to strengthen his squad.

SMITH SALUTES THE SADDLERS FAITHFUL

BOSS Dean Smith praised the Walsall faithful and insisted they inspired the Saddlers' comeback against Sheffield Wednesday.

By Nick Mashiter

The Banks's Stadium biggest attendance for over two years – 8,603 – saw the Saddlers score twice in injury time to shock the Owls 2-1 on Boxing Day.

Claude Gnakpa and Manny Smith scored in stoppage time after Ryan Lowe's opener to lift Walsall out of the League One drop zone. And Smith said a big home crowd – over 8,000 for the first time since 8,483 saw Leeds win 2-1 in August 2009 – deserved to be repaid for their support. "It's a boost for the supporters, it was a good crowd and Sheffield Wednesday swelled the gate but we had good backing from our fans," he said.

"A win gives everyone a lift. In normal time we'd drawn five on the spin so to get a win was massively important.

"It was a good performance and a good result. Unfortunately you only get three points for a win – even though people keep talking about six point games – but it's three points towards the target.

"The three points was the most important thing for us. The performance was good but it was all about the three points, which is what we needed."

Gnakpa's deflected effort hauled them level before Smith turned in Mat Sadler's free-kick for their first home league win since mid-October.

It moved Walsall up to 18th, ahead of a huge showdown with struggling Rochdale on Saturday.

The Saddlers, to their credit, took the game to their high-flying hosts but the first half was more a war of attrition than a post-Christmas feast of football.

Bruising right-back Reda Johnson subdued Jamie Paterson early on, while the hosts were rarely troubled by a Wednesday side playing within themselves.

Jon Macken and Alex Nicholls fired half-chances wide from distance and Danny Batth headed over for Wednesday.

The Owls came out of their second-half blocks firing, though, with Ben Marshall curling wide within 30 seconds of the re-start.

The visitors should have taken the lead on 50 minutes – although it would have been in controversial style.

Lowe tangled with Andy Butler inside the area and, when the Saddlers captain fell, referee David Coote waved play on.

The ball fell to Marshall, who crossed for Lowe, but the unmarked striker could only fire wide from 12 yards.

The game quickly opened up and it was the Saddlers' turn to stretch Wednesday, as Adam Chambers' 20-yard drive deflected wide.

Walsall then came agonisingly close to an opener on 58 minutes after a neat move ended with Nicholls teeing up Paterson to slam a 20-yard volley off the bar.

But, a minute later, Wednesday took the lead when the visitors broke.

Chris Lines breezed past the flimsy challenges of Paterson and Sadler to curl a delicious cross for the unmarked Lowe to nod in.

It sparked the game into a frantic few minutes as, first, there was a small pocket of crowd trouble between Saddlers and Wednesday fans in the corner of the Tile Choice and Five Rivers stands.

It was quickly subdued before Lee Beevers and Marshall were booked for a small spat.

Goalkeeper Jimmy Walker then saved low from Chris O'Grady, as a game which had threatened action in the first half found its life.

Macken rashly blazed over from the edge of the area on 69 minutes as the Saddlers cranked up the pressure.

The hosts huffed and puffed but failed to find a way through the massed Wednesday ranks.

Substitute George Bowerman fired straight at goalkeeper Richard O'Donnell with six minutes remaining and it looked all over until stoppage time.

A minute in, Gnakpa collected the ball on the right, shrugged off one challenge and his low 20-yard drive deflected past O'Donnell.

It sent the Banks's Stadium into raptures but better was to come, when Wednesday failed to deal with Sadler's free-kick and Smith won it.

Claude Gnapka is mobbed after scoring for Walsall against Sheffield Wednesday

Roasting on Boxing Day for Lockmen

A LACKLUSTRE Willenhall, missing 12 players through injury or holiday, served up a dreadful Boxing Day display as they were thrashed 6-0 by Tipton Town at Noose Lane.

Nathan Waite was the Tipton hero with a first half hat-trick, all helped by little or no marking. His first arrived on 22 minutes from a long throw. He simply touched a long throw-in home with Liam Flynn unable to keep the ball out from his header. The Lockmen held out until seven minutes before the break when Waite again had a free header from a corner after Jack Austin had headed the initial header off the line.

The hat-trick arrived on 44 minutes, another free header from a long throw.

The second half was little better for the hosts. Three simple balls through the defensive line was enough to undo a static rearguard. On 59 minutes a ball through the middle was latched onto by James Cooper, and as he bore down on goal unchallenged he simply dinked the ball over Flynn. The fifth arrived on 76 minutes when another break down the right by Cooper saw fire a ball into the six yard box, Flynn half stopped and the ball appeared to take a last deflection off the unfortunate Richards.

The final goal arrived five minutes from time when a long ball forward saw Richards' header fall short and Leigh Downing nipped in to score.

Jones proud of standing

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Wayne Jones today reflected on his standing as one of the top 16 darts players in the world going into 2012 and admitted he is proud of his work.

Last night's showdown with Adrian Lewis in the PDC World Championships was the first time Jones had been a part of the last 16 since he reached the semi-finals in 2006.

And he said: "I am proud to be in the top 16 of the world, I couldn't ask for more than that."

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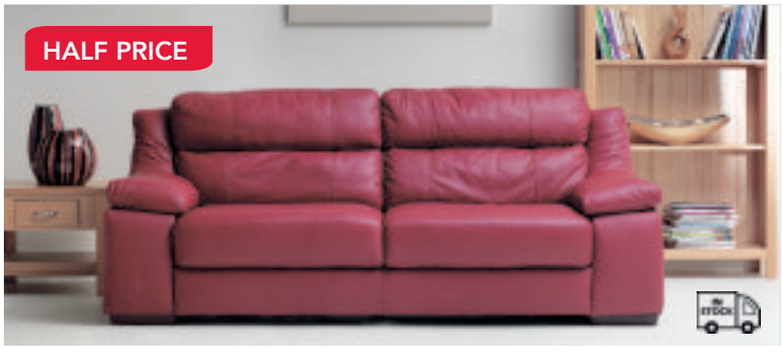

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